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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. Claims 1-18, drawn to a passive terminator, classified in class 455, subclass 13.4.

II. Claims 19-28, drawn to a method of passively terminating first and second nodes, classified in class 379, subclass 413.

III. Claims 29-37, drawn to a system for transmitting and receiving signals, classified in class 710, subclass 100The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I-II and III are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention I has separate utility such as a passive terminator not using the method of passively terminating first and second nodes of II or the transmission system of III, invention II has separate utility such as a method of passively terminating first and second nodes not using the passive terminator of I or the transmission system of III, invention III has separate utility such as a transmission system not using the passive terminator of I or the method of passively terminating first and second nodes of II. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

2. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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3. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hung S. Bui whose telephone number is (571) 272-2102. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30AM-6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kamand Cuneo can be reached on (571) 272-1957. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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